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Pennsauken's 9-11 Flag Placement Canceled This Year

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

With the coronavirus outbreak still impacting the Pennsauken community, the difficult decision has been made to cancel this year's flag placement at the Township's 9-11 Memorial.

"The annual flag placement ceremony is something that's very special to a lot of

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—Bill Orth
Pennsauken Public Safety Director

people. It's not something we'd cancel lightly. But having a large gathering right now could put people at risk," explained Pennsauken Public Safety Director Bill Orth. "We're planning on holding the ceremony again in 2021. In the meantime, we hope that residents would consider still visiting the Memorial on Sept. 11, and placing an individual flag or two on their own."

Pennsauken's 9/11 monument was first dedicated on Sept. 11, 2003, as a tribute to the heroes of 9/11, as well as direct responders, such as police, fire and EMS, who serve every day to protect residents in the communities where they live. In remembrance of the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, a steel beam from the World Trade Center North Tower was dedicated as a permanent part of the memorial.

Pennsauken Car And Bike Parade Held On September 19

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

In lieu of the annual Car and Bike Show, Pennsauken Township and its Department of Parks and Recreation are holding two parades on Saturday, Sept. 19, which will feature many of the classic vehicles you'd normally see at the show.

"We know our residents have missed our public events this year. We're excited to put this together for them," says Deputy Mayor Marco DiBattista. "The Township's trying to think out of the box to offer things for our residents during the pandemic. We hope that the Pennsauken community enjoys our parades and marks their calendars for next year, when our Car and Bike Show returns."



"The Pennsauken Car and Bike Parade is a way to not only provide something entertaining for our residents, but also thank the many folks who bring their cars and motorcycles to our show year after year," adds Elwood "Duke" Martz from Pennsauken's Parks and Recreation Department. "It'll be free to be a part of the

parade; and participants will receive a plaque and a gift card as a thank you from the Township."

The first parade begins at noon. Cars and motorcycles will line up along Camden Ave., between 49th and 47th streets. The parade route is as follows:

- 47th St. to Forrest Ave.
- Forrest Ave. to Browning Rd.
- Browning Rd. to Wayne Ave.
- Wayne Ave. to Merchantville Ave.
- Merchantville Ave. to Pleasant Ave.
- Pleasant Ave. to Cove Rd.
- Cove Rd. to Westfield Ave.
- Westfield Ave. to Derousse Ave.

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Ali, Martz Take On New Township Administrative Roles

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Two longtime Pennsauken Township employees have been appointed to new administrative positions. Shakir Ali, assistant tax assessor, is now director of regulatory services; and Elwood "Duke" Martz, head of the Township's Department of Parks and Recreation, is director of municipal services.

"Shakir and Duke have been dedicated members of our municipal staff for years; both are an asset to the town's administration and our residents," explained Pennsauken Mayor Tim Killion. "By taking on these new roles, they will help set the tone for all of our municipal employees and help provide even better customer service to the people we are honored to serve."

"We have a lot of trust in Duke and Shakir," added Deputy Mayor Marco DiBattista. "They've got a great rapport



Shakir Ali and Elwood "Duke" Martz have been appointed to new administrative positions in the Township.

with our administrator, Joe Palumbo, our municipal staff, and Pennsauken's residents. We're excited to be working with them; Township Committee will give them all the support they need to succeed in these positions."

The town's new directors will oversee the operation of various departments. Ali,

as director of regulatory services, will supervise departments regulated by state and county statute, such as the assessor, tax collector, clerk's office, planning and zoning, building and housing, the Pennsauken Free Public Library, and the municipal court. Martz, in his role as director of municipal services, will manage parks and recreation, public works, sanitation, the Pennsauken Country Club, information technology, economic development, and senior services. Both are ready to take an active approach to ensure Township departments have the appropriate tools and staff to serve our community, as well as support the town's administrator.

"Shakir and I are tasked to improve responsiveness to residents and expedite projects that service our community," said Martz. "And while we have our individual

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Lena Cooper Skelly, Pioneer Pennsauken Educator – Part I



By Robert Fisher-Hughes,
AAP Columnist and
Amateur Historian

August of this year marked the 140th anniversary of the birth of a pioneer educator of Pennsauken Township, Lena Cooper Skelly of the Homestead section. This is the small section of the Township where Pennsauken, Merchantville, and Delaware Township (now Cherry Hill) all converged. The vicinity is sometimes informally called “Matchtown,” after its roots as a community built to provide homes for workers at a nearby match factory, which was projected and disappeared in the later part of the 1800s. Thereafter, the neighborhood became well-known as a largely African-American community, subject to much of the history of ambivalence, neglect, exploitation, good intentions and worse, struggle and overcoming that stands as the record

LOOKING BACK IN HISTORY

of race in the United States.

Lena Cooper's parents were Isaac Cooper, born in Laurel, Delaware in 1850; and Marie Ella Garner, born in Maryland in 1860. It is more than likely that both were born into slavery. It was certainly reported in Isaac's obituary that his parents were slaves.

Perhaps the Coopers and Garners came to New Jersey during or immediately after the Civil War, as others from slave and border states did at that time. Legal enslavement continued in such states despite the Emancipation Proclamation, because these states were not considered to be in rebellion against the United States.

We do know that Isaac and Ella married in 1878, reportedly in Merchantville,

though the melding together of townships and the borough in that neighborhood always casts ambiguity on locations. Lena Devere Cooper was born two years later, followed by a brother, Isaac Ernest Cooper, four years later.

According to the 1900 Census, Isaac Cooper worked as a team-driver; and in later years, he was reported as a laborer for a commission merchant house. The family lived at Cedar St. and Front St., which were re-named years later as Wisteria and Penn streets. In 1908, the Niagara Fire Company was called to the house which appeared to be afire. As it turned out, this was only the result of a separated terra cotta pipe leading from a stove, which allowed smoke to pour out from the weather board on the exterior and no harm was done.

Lena D. Cooper attended schools in Merchantville, Woodbury, and at the Institute for Colored Youth in Philadelphia. In 1902, she graduated from the Trenton Normal School, trained to teach.

In Pennsauken Township, implicitly from its founding year of 1892 and more explicitly as new schools opened, and until 1962, elementary schools were effectively de facto segregated. De facto segregation exists where the separation of races is not explicitly the law, but the implicit result of factors ostensibly unrelated to intentional discrimination. In Pennsauken, this was the unmistakable result of construction of schools in neigh-

borhoods that corresponded to the racial divisions of the Township. Later, this situation was so well confirmed by patterns of settlement and enrollment that four Township schools, Jordantown School, Booker T. Washington School, Union School and Homestead School, were explicitly referred to as the “Negro schools.”

Lena D. Cooper, a black woman teacher living in Pennsauken's Homestead section, taught at the local “Negro school” in Homestead. As a teacher of that community, she devoted her life not only to educate but to improve the lives and opportunities of her neighbors and their children.

The Cooper family had long been involved with the Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church in Homestead; and Lena continued to be involved in the church, which also became a center of community events in which she featured. Miss Cooper was a talented pianist and singer; and she eventually directed the Asbury M.E. choir. Lena's musical training and talent were a great asset, both as an educator and organizer. Playing instrumental music, singing, and also leading choral and stage music, placed her in demand in community organizations. As early as 1910, she is reported as providing solo selections at a Parents' Conference at the Mt. Vernon School in Camden.

Also in 1910, according to records, Lena D. Cooper married Maurice Gordon Skelly. Mr. Skelly was very success-

ful in his profession as a head waiter in a number of well-known hotels and resorts. This profession at the time was far more involved than the modern conception of a waiter today. At higher levels, a career as a head waiter called for seasonal travel as needed. Maurice Skelly was a head waiter both at the United States Hotel in Saratoga, N.Y. and later at the Breakers in Palm Beach, spending winters at that Florida resort, catering to the well-to-do. He also served as vice president of the Head Waiters Association of New York and the Citizens Republican Club of Philadelphia.

The Skellys continued to reside in Homestead at the home of Lena's family, however it is also reported that Maurice Skelly purchased the old Griffith farm in the vicinity and was making improvements there in 1916.

Also, in 1916, Lena Skelly was involved in the early activities of a branch of the Y.M.C.A. getting started in Homestead, with the involvement of Joseph Pidgeon. It is recorded that she was recruited to supervise preparations for a show being prepared by the boys of the club. Presented at the Asbury M.E. Church to an appreciative audience of more than 200, of whom more than 50 were white spectators, the show was, retrospectively ironically, a minstrel. In that era, this form of entertainment was common and had not yet earned the

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MAYOR'S**COMMENT**

By Tim Killion,
Mayor of
Pennsauken
Township

An Open Letter From Mayor Killion To The Residents And Businesses Of Pennsauken Township Township Ordinances Minimize Pollution Of Creeks And Rivers

Each year, The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection enlists the help of municipalities throughout the state to remind residents and businesses of the importance of protecting our waterways from pollution. Pennsauken is strongly committed to keeping all of our town's creeks and rivers pollution-free. We encourage our residents and business owners to do what they can to make our town as environmentally-focused as possible.

While the majority of Township residents don't live right along waterways like the Pennsauken Creek or Delaware

River, you may be surprised that you could be negatively affecting the environment every time it rains. According to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, stormwater runoff is the largest source of water pollution impacting our creeks and rivers. Rainwater that flows down storm drains carries with it anything that is dropped, dumped, blown, or swept into the street. Items such as grass, leaves, oil, fertilizers, pet droppings, and all types of trash and litter will eventually be washed down a storm drain and into one of the creeks and rivers throughout the Township. When we're not dealing with a pandemic, our municipal government organizes and supports community cleanups of places like Tippin's Pond or the boat ramp at the end of Derosse Ave. These efforts

go a long way to remove debris around our local bodies of water, as well as to clean up trash that has been washed down the storm inlets.

There are also the pollutants that you don't necessarily see that are both a hazard to the cleanliness of our bodies of water and a danger to the marine life that live there. Pet waste, grass, oil, lawn fertilizer, and chemicals all contribute to the degradation of the water quality.

How Pennsauken Battles Stormwater Pollution

The Township has adopted several ordinances which are intended to stop pollutants from going down storm drains in our neighborhoods. For example, Pennsauken has had a litter ordinance on the books for many years. It is illegal

to dump or drop litter of any kind on public or private property. Stormwater pollution aside, not littering is simply essential for the appearance of the Township and the quality of life of its residents.

Since trash creates serious problems when washed down an inlet, an ordinance was adopted that requires dumpsters and other trash containers to be covered at all times. This not only stops trash from blowing into the street, but also helps keeps liquids from leaching out and getting washed into the storm sewers. We ask Pennsauken businesses to be especially diligent to keep their dumpsters covered and to avoid overflowing them with too much trash. Not only does this help prevent stormwater pollution, but steps like these help to maintain a high quality of appearance for

businesses throughout town.

The Township also requires pet owners to clean up after their pet. While there's an ordinance in place, this just makes common sense. Pet waste is to be properly disposed of in the trash. When we take our dog, Flyer, for a walk, we make sure we bring a plastic bag to clean up after him. Dog lovers in Pennsauken can also use the Bow Wow Dog Park at Cooper and Collins avenues. Receptacles are available there to dispose of pet waste.

With all the wildlife that calls Pennsauken home, geese, and the mess they leave behind, continue to be a problem. When washed into a waterway, their droppings are a source of pollution. And we all know that a flock of geese can leave a lot of droppings behind. While it's

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Pennsauken Historical Society Announces Re-Opening Of Tours By Appointment

Beginning in September, on a limited basis, Pennsauken Historical Society will accept appointments for guided visits to its historic homes: Burrough-Dover House, off Haddonfield Rd.; and Griffith Morgan House, off River Rd.

Individuals and groups under 10, limited to single households, may contact our volunteer staff by e-mail or telephone message to arrange a visit subject to appropriate pandemic protective practices.

All visitors must wear appropriate masks and maintain social distancing of at least six feet from those outside their household during the visits. Hand sanitizer will also be available at our sites



This month, the Pennsauken Historical Society will be taking appointments for guided visits to the Burrough-Dover House, seen here, and Griffith Morgan House.

during visits. Depending on current conditions and availability of volunteer staff, visits will be limited to exterior tours with

presentation of the history of the homes. However, there will be access to comfort facilities. Copies of the spring issue of Camden County Heritage magazine will also be available.

Expanded public access to our historic homes and additional historical programming will be offered only as overall pandemic conditions permit. Pennsauken Historical Society wants all our friends, visitors and volunteer staff to remain safe and healthy to enjoy our history in the future.

To arrange visits by appointment, contact us by message through our Facebook pages for the Pennsauken Historical Society and Griffith Morgan House; by e-mail at pennsaukenhistoricalsociety@gmail.com; or by leaving a message at (856) 486-9561. History fans can also enjoy our Facebook group, Pennsauken History Forum.

Township Holds Annual Halloween Home Decorating Contest

The hunt will be on for the best Halloween decorations in town. Sponsored by Pennsauken's Department of Parks and Recreation and the Pennsauken Youth Action Committee, the third annual Halloween Home Decorating Contest will recognize those homes that go all out for the spookiest time of the year. A team of guys and ghouls will be creeping around town to locate the most impressive expressions of Halloween

spirit Pennsauken has to offer. Prizes will be given to the first, second, and third place winners.

In order for decorated homes in Pennsauken to be considered for this year's contest, residents must submit their address using the form located at twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/halloween-home-decorating-contest. Registration begins Monday, Sept. 28, and runs through Friday, Oct. 16.

Pennsauken Tax Sale Held September 16

The Township of Pennsauken announces the sale of 2019 and prior year delinquent taxes and other municipal charges through an online auction on Sept. 16, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Anyone listed must pay by certified funds only (cashier's check, money order, etc.). Payments must be received by noon on Tuesday, Sept. 15, to be re-

moved from the tax sale. Pennsauken's tax sale consists of 2019 and prior unpaid, municipal, sewer, and CCMUA charges. Online payments for properties listed in the tax sale will not be allowed.

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EDITOR'S DESK Celebrating The Anniversary Of My Wife's Eighteenth Birthday

EDITOR'S
DESK



By Frank Sinatra,
AAP Editor

Last month, my wife asked me, "Why don't you mention me more often in your column?" At least that's what I thought she said. Apparently, I have a listening problem.

Sometime in September, my lovely wife, Donna, will celebrating a very special anniversary of her 18th birthday. If a word was a combination of a certain measure of distance and another way of saying "rock," it's one of those types of b-days. I won't say which one. I enjoy being able to use all of my limbs in some modicum of functionality.

We've been married now for over 18 years. I keep telling her that every day with me is like a birthday present waiting to be unwrapped. It's at that point that she throws a look at me. That or a shoe... whatever's handier. But in the almost

two decades since "till death do us part" became part of the equation, we've made quite a life for ourselves here in town. We've got two kids that picked up all of our "best" traits; a loveable dog that could bark through a concrete wall; and a home with some really pretty gardens and several doors where my key still works. All good things... and she's a big reason why.

Donna is the glue that holds the Sinatra house together. She does all of the things: the big things; the little things; the important things. With the good times and health, there's been the bad and some sickness. She muscles through it all and drags us through the muck. Then she makes sure we put our dirty clothes in the hamper. Did you know the floor isn't for dropping all your stuff? I was today years old when I learned this.

There's a lot to celebrate this month. She's an awesome baker; a whiz with a sewing machine; and is super creative.

And not once have I woken up with her holding a pillow above my face. It's true.

So how do I show my appreciation for her still-undisclosed number of years on the planet? I could schedule one of those impromptu birthday parades. I could get a car for each year, but that might cause traffic issues. Maybe I could get those wooden cows to put on the lawn. Of

course, when I grab the weed whacker in addition to the lawn mower, she'd know something's up. I could bake her a really big cake for all those yet-to-be determined number of candles we may or may not need. Might need to reach out to Captain Kerr at the fire department to figure out that one.

Or... I could write a little something

to let the entire town of Pennsauken know how awesome she is. That she is an inspiration to her children, who are a reflection of her incredible spirit. And that she is loved by a wonderfully broken person who could never ever imagine what life would be without her. Heck, even the dog likes her better.

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Census Takers Visiting Pennsauken Neighborhoods

Information Provided By The 2020 Census

Census takers have begun to visit homes in Pennsauken that haven't yet responded to the 2020 Census.

What To Expect

Census takers will wear masks and follow local public health guidelines when they visit your home. All census takers complete a virtual COVID-19 training on social distancing and other health and safety protocols before beginning their work in neighborhoods.

Census takers are hired from your area, and their goal is to help you and everyone in your home be counted in the 2020 Census. If the census taker who visits your home does not speak your language, you may request a return visit from a census taker who does speak your language.

Census takers work between 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., including weekends. If no one is home when the census taker visits, the census taker will leave a notice

of their visit with information about how to respond online, by phone or by mail.

If you respond online or by phone today, a census taker is less likely to have to visit your home to collect your response. You can learn how to self-respond by visiting 2020Census.gov. The deadline for completing the 2020 Census is Sept. 30.

Verifying Someone As A Census Taker

If someone visits your home this year to collect information for the 2020 Census, check to make sure they have a valid ID badge with their photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date. Census workers may also carry Census Bureau bags and other equipment with the Census Bureau logo.

If you still have questions about their identity, you can contact the New York Regional Census Center, which serves New Jersey, to speak with a Census Bureau representative at (212) 882-7100.



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Killions Welcome Ashlyn Josephine



Mayor Tim Killion and his wife, Bridget, are excited to announce the arrival of their daughter, Ashlyn Josephine! Ashlyn came into the world at a healthy 9 lbs. 3 oz. and 21 inches. Congratulations!

Pennsauken's Lee Knows "Eggs-actly" What Kind Of Art To Create



"The Brink" is one of several art pieces created by Pennsauken-based artist Cherie Lee using ostrich eggs.

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

When Cherie Lee was 15, she wanted to give her sister a birthday present. Not having any money, Cherie was inspired by a Franklin Mint advertisement for a ceramic egg jewelry box.

"I didn't realize that it wasn't a real egg. I thought to myself, 'I can do that,'" said Lee. "So I took a chicken egg, hollowed it out and carved it, and added some pastel colors to make a mountain scene."

From that moment, Lee was hooked on working with the incredible, edible, egg. A quick tally from the artist indicated she's worked on hundreds of pieces using a variety of different eggs, including chicken, duck, pheasant, quail, rhea, turkey, peacock, and the like. In 2003, Cherie was encouraged by fellow "egg-sperts" online to apply to have one of her pieces represent New Jersey for the annual Easter Egg Collection at the White House; that egg is part of the permanent display.

"Eggs are a four-dimensional canvas. There's a lot to work with; you can decorate both the inside and outside," explained Cherie. "It lends itself to detail and the shape is soothing. It's like a puzzle: you can take a lot out and it still retains its integrity. It's strength and weakness all in one."

Lee's current medium is ostrich eggs, employing a dental drill to create intricate works of art. Last month, she left for Soaring Gardens Artists Retreat in Laceyville, Pa. for a 22-day residency, courtesy of the Ora Lerman Charitable Trust. The retreat offers visual artists, writers, composers, and instrumentalists a quiet country setting to focus on their creative endeavors. While there, Cherie is working on a piece as part of an application for Natural Sculpture Society grant.

"I have a piece that I'm dying to work on," said Lee. "I'm hoping that my drill and my compressor will outlast me."

For more information on Cherie's work, visit her website at <https://eggs.capes.wixsite.com/cherielee>. You can follow her on Instagram at @CherieLeeCreations.



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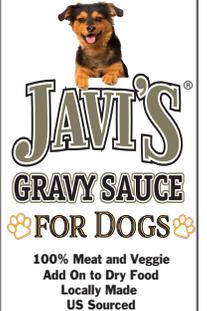
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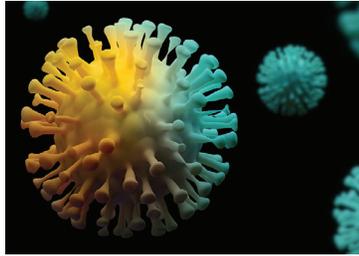
Pennsauken Still Impacted By COVID-19 Outbreak

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Based on data from Aug. 26, the daily spot positivity for COVID-19 tests in New Jersey is 1 percent; and as of Aug. 30, the statewide rate of transmission is .87. Locally in Pennsauken, the coronavirus, while slowed, continues to impact the community.

“We lost another resident to COVID-19-related complications. Sadly, this brings our total to 23 lives lost, which is absolutely 23 too many,” wrote Mayor Killion in a letter to the Pennsauken community last month. “I, as well as the entire Township Committee, offer our sincerest condolences to the families and friends who have lost loved ones to this virus.

“This somber news drives home the



importance of what we're doing to slow the spread of the coronavirus. The number of cases in our community are still increasing. To date, 914 Township residents have contracted COVID-19; and while our new cases are not coming in at the frequency they were weeks ago, Pennsauken is still being affected. Proper mask wearing, frequent hand

washing, and social distancing measures are extremely important.”

Gyms, Restaurants Reopen

Governor Murphy signed an executive order allowing gyms, health clubs, and indoor amusement facilities to reopen at 25 percent. Gym-goers, employees, and staff must wear face masks; equipment must be adjusted to allow a minimum of 6 feet of distance; and only equipment that can be properly sanitized between uses should be made available.

Starting Sept. 4, restaurants can resume indoor dining at 25 percent capacity with social distancing between tables. Additional details were not available at press time.

Community Resources

Pennsauken Township puts out regu-

lar updates on the coronavirus outbreak throughout the week via its website, twp.pennsauken.nj.us; Pennsauken Television, Channel 19 on Comcast and Channel 21 on Fios; and its social media channels: Facebook.com/Pennsauken-Twp and @pennsaukentwp for both Twitter and Instagram.

Residents with questions or concerns related to the coronavirus outbreak can call a free, 24-hour public hotline at 2-1-1 or (800) 962-1253, where trained professionals are standing by to answer questions. New Jersey residents can now also text NJCOVID to 898-211 to receive text information and stay informed. To receive live text assistance, residents can text their zip code to 898-211. More information is also available on the state's coronavirus-dedicated website at <https://covid19.nj.gov/>.

PMAC To Poll Members About Upcoming Meetings



The Pennsauken-Merchantville Area Chamber of Commerce (PMAC) hasn't held a meeting since prior to Governor Murphy's lockdown in March. So the organization's Steering Committee will be polling members about potentially holding an outdoor networking luncheon sometime in October, with social distancing guidelines in place.

Members are asked to check their inboxes for an e-mail from PMAC that contains a link to an online poll. The deadline for entries is Wednesday, Sept. 30.

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8:00 a.m.	Morning Meeting	Live
45 minutes	Language Arts	Live/Recorded and Independent Practice
45 minutes	Math	Live/Recorded and Independent Practice
30 minutes	Science/Social Studies	Live/Recorded and Independent Practice
30 minutes	Related Arts/Gym	Live/Recorded and Independent Practice
30 minutes	Remediation	Live with a staff member as needed/ small group
60 minutes	Independent Work	Asynchronous Instruction
30 minutes	Teacher Office Hours: one a.m. and one p.m. session	Teachers will publish on Google Classroom

Special Education Grades 6-12, Full Remote PM Schedule

12:00 - 3:00 - Synchronous Learning
3:00 - 4:00 - Asynchronous Learning

Sugg. Time	Activity	Delivery Method
12:00 noon	Afternoon Meeting	Live
45 minutes	Language Arts	Live/Recorded and Independent Practice
45 minutes	Math	Live/Recorded and Independent Practice
30 minutes	Science/Social Studies	Live/Recorded and Independent Practice
30 minutes	Related Arts/Gym	Live/Recorded and Independent Practice
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Snow Days will be remote learning days for the A or B day in the scheduled calendar

◆ Report Cards

/ Early Dismissal

■ School Closed

A Day – Red B Day – Blue

September 2020

- 1-2 Staff Reports - Staff PLD
- 3 Staff Reports – Staff PLD
- 4 CLOSED
- 8 First Day Students
- 7 CLOSED Labor Day

*Back to School Nights will be a Virtual presentation by the teacher and posted on their website

- 28 CLOSED Yom Kippur

October 2020

- 8 College & Career Night
- 12 CLOSED Columbus Day
- 15 Financial Aid Night
- 22 8th Grade Open House
- 29 CTE Open House

November 2020

- 3 Election Day
- 4 Marking Period 1 closes
- 5-6 Schools Closed - NJEA Convention Week

*All District Conferences will be held through teacher office hours during preps and their own flexibility

- 13 MP1 Report Cards Available Online
- 26-27 CLOSED Thanksgiving Break

December 2020

- 23 Single Session
- 24-31 CLOSED Winter Vacation

January 2021

- 1 CLOSED Winter Vacation
- 4 School Reopens
- 18 CLOSED MLK Jr. Day
- 28 Semester 1 and Marking Period 2 closes

February 2021

- 1 Transition Day – Staff Only
- 5 MP2 Report Cards Available Online
- 15 CLOSED Presidents' Day

*All District Conferences will be held through teacher office hours during preps and their own flexibility

March 2021

April 2021

- 1 Marking Period 3 closes
- 2-9 CLOSED Spring Break
- 16 MP3 Report Cards Available Online

May 2021

- 31 CLOSED Memorial Day

June 2021

- 15 Pre School Move-Up Ceremony
- 16 Middle School Graduation
- 17 High School Graduation
- 18 Single Session
- 18 Tentative Last Day for Staff and Students
- 25 MP4 Report Cards Available Online

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Adopted: February 3, 2020

Revised: July 23, 2020

Revised: August 27, 2020

Pre-K Full Remote AM Schedule

9:00-9:30 a.m.	Morning Meeting Flag salute	Morning Meeting Flag salute	Morning Meeting Flag salute	Morning Meeting Flag salute	Morning Meeting Flag salute
9:30-11:00 a.m.	SMALL GROUP Foundations/ CC lesson	SMALL GROUP Foundations/ CC lesson	SMALL GROUP Foundations/ CC lesson	SMALL GROUP Foundations/ CC lesson	SMALL GROUP Foundations/ CC lesson
11:00-11:40 a.m.	MUSIC (taught by classroom teacher) 30 minutes Goodbye song	ART (taught by classroom teacher) 30 minutes Goodbye song	MUSIC (taught by classroom teacher) 30 minutes Goodbye song	PHYS. ED. (taught by classroom teacher) 30 minutes Goodbye song	PHYS. ED. (taught by classroom teacher) 30 minutes Goodbye song
30 minutes	Tutoring, Intervention, Enrichment	Students by invite of the teacher			
30 minutes	Office Hours	One a.m. and one p.m. session	Published times on Google Classroom		

Pre-K Full Remote PM Schedule

12:20-12:50 p.m.	Morning Meeting Flag salute	Morning Meeting Flag salute	Morning Meeting Flag salute	Morning Meeting Flag salute	Morning Meeting Flag salute
12:50-2:30 p.m.	SMALL GROUP Foundations/ CC lesson	SMALL GROUP Foundations/ CC lesson	SMALL GROUP Foundations/ CC lesson	SMALL GROUP Foundations/ CC lesson	SMALL GROUP Foundations/ CC lesson
2:30-3:00 p.m.	MUSIC (taught by classroom teacher) 30 minutes Goodbye song	ART (taught by classroom teacher) 30 minutes Goodbye song	MUSIC (taught by classroom teacher) 30 minutes Goodbye song	PHYS. ED. (taught by classroom teacher) 30 minutes Goodbye song	PHYS. ED. (taught by classroom teacher) 30 minutes Goodbye song
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Special Education K-5, Full Remote AM Schedule

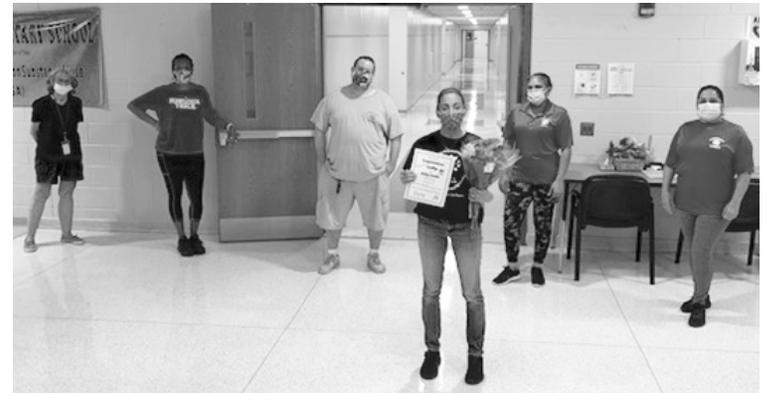
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30 minutes	Remediation/Independent Learning Time/Teacher Office Hours	Live with a staff member as needed/ small group
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Special Education K-5, Full Remote PM Schedule

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30 minutes	Science/Social Studies	Live/Recorded and Independent Practice
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Middle and High School students participating in either full remote or hybrid learning will follow the schedule posted to their Genesis account.

Delair Staff Member Moves To IT



Delair School said goodbye to a teammate this summer, Mrs. Katherine Canales. She will be moving on to the Information Technology Department and continuing her service in the Pennsauken School District. We wish her well in this new endeavor!

Remote Learning/ Google Meet Expectations for Students (PreK - 5)

To maintain a positive, productive learning environment, all students should observe the following guidelines:

- Mute yourself right when you join and keep your microphone muted when you are not speaking.
- Use the chat to ask questions and make comments related to class. No spam please.
- Use headphones with a built in microphone if there are other people in your home using video conferencing or talking in the background.
- Dress appropriately, but uniforms are not needed.
- Be in a common area when you join the virtual meeting.
- Be aware of what is in the background of your video camera when you are in a meeting.
- Find a quiet and comfortable place to work that helps you concentrate.
- If technology is not working, email your teacher IMMEDIATELY.

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Kindergarten Full Remote AM Schedule

8:00 - 8:15 a.m.	Morning Meeting/SEL
8:15 - 8:30 a.m.	ELA Whole Group
8:30 - 9:15 a.m.	Guided Reading (small groups & independent work)
9:15 - 9:45 a.m.	Writing (whole group, independent work, conferencing)
9:45 - 10:15 a.m.	Math
10:15 - 10:45 a.m.	SS/Science
10:45 - 11:15 a.m.	Related Arts
Office Hours	One a.m. and p.m. session – To be published on teacher website
Intervention	Teachers share scheduled times with principals

Kindergarten Full Remote PM Schedule

12:00 - 12:15 p.m.	Morning Meeting/SEL
12:15 - 12:30 p.m.	ELA Whole Group
12:30 - 1:15 p.m.	Guided Reading (small groups & independent work)
1:15 - 1:45 p.m.	Writing (whole group, independent work, conferencing)
1:45 - 2:15 p.m.	Math
2:15 - 2:45 p.m.	SS/Science
2:45 - 3:15 p.m.	Related Arts
Office Hours	One a.m. and p.m. session – To be published on teacher website
Intervention	Teachers share scheduled times with principals

Hybrid Learners K-5

Students should use the district provided Chromebooks

At Home Suggested Schedule for Hybrid (A/B Day) Learners

Suggested Time	Subject	Possible Activities/Assignments
45 minutes	Language Arts	Practice Homework Assessments Use Foundations, Journeys, and Guided Reading
15 minutes	iReady Reading	Practice Assessment
45 minutes	Math	Practice Homework Assessments Use Envisions
15 minutes	Reflex	Math Practice Assessment
30 minutes	Science/Social Studies	Topic assignments
30 minutes	Related Arts/Gym	Topic assignments
15 minutes	Self-selected reading	

Grades 1-3 Full Remote Schedule

8:30 - 8:45 a.m.	Morning Meeting/SEL
8:45 - 9:00 a.m.	ELA Whole Group
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	Guided Reading (small groups & independent work)
10:00 - 10:40 a.m.	Writing (whole group, independent work, conferencing)
10:40 - 11:30 a.m.	Math
11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	SS/Science
12:00 - 12:30 p.m.	Related Arts
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.	Tutoring, Intervention, Enrichment
Office Hours	One a.m. and p.m. session – To be published on teacher website

Grades 4-5 Full Remote Schedule

8:30 - 8:45 a.m.	Morning Meeting/SEL
8:45 - 9:00 a.m.	ELA Whole Group
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	Guided Reading (small groups & independent work)
10:00 - 10:40 a.m.	Writing (whole group, independent work, conferencing)
10:40 - 11:30 a.m.	Math
11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	SS/Science
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The Lions have supported programs in our community for more than 78 years, while helping high school seniors with scholarships. Thanks to the support of our Lions and other volunteers, we have provided screening services for students in the Pennsauken and Merchantville schools in grades 1-4, as well as supported programs for needy individuals and families of the community.

Because of COVID-19, it has affected

how we conduct business and prevented most groups and organizations from conducting in person meetings. However, thanks to the dedication of our members, the Pennsauken Lions Club has still managed to maintain a regular monthly meeting schedule by using digital tools to connect and serve. The Pennsauken Lions Club maintains its commitment to serving the Pennsauken and Merchantville communities by holding limited in-person meetings, regular communications via email, and holding meetings virtually on Zoom.

When you become a Lion, you become part of a network of volunteers

committed to making a difference.

If you like more information about the Lions Club, or if you would like to join us for one of our meetings in person or attend one virtually, follow "Pennsauken Lions Club" on Facebook, or email PennsaukenLionsClub1@gmail.com.

The Lions Club meets on the first and third Mondays of each month at Macaro's Catering & Deli at 6225 Westfield Ave. in Pennsauken, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The Lions Club adheres to all social distancing requirements and all individuals that attend must wear a required mask.

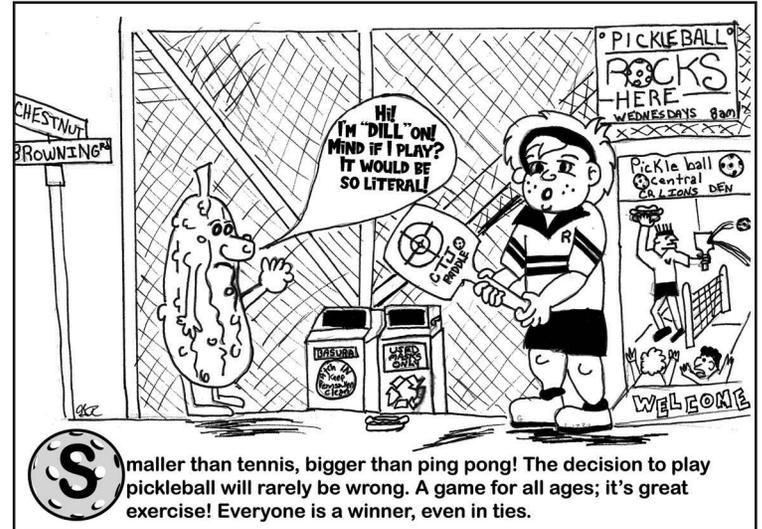
Temple Lutheran Holds Contest For Food Pantry Logo



Temple Lutheran Church, located at 5600 N. Rt. 130 in Pennsauken, is hosting a logo contest for their Lida Knaus Food Pantry, which has been serving

Temple Lutheran Church is holding a contest for Pennsauken and Merchantville residents to design a logo for their renovated food pantry.

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the food insecure for over 40 years. The pantry averages 150 clients per month; and last year, distributed 45 tons of food.

The contest is open to any resident of Merchantville and Pennsauken. Logo submissions must be original art in a high resolution JPEG format (300 dpi).

The first prize is \$100; the winner will have the honor of cutting at the grand opening of the newly renovated food pantry. The second prize is \$50; third prize is \$25. The deadline for submissions is October 12.

For more information, e-mail templetreasurer@comcast.net.



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Think Twice About What You're Flushing

Baby wipes, disinfectant wipes, paper towels, and even "flushable" wipes, can't go down the toilet

The Pennsauken Sewerage Authority is asking residents to think twice about what they are flushing down their toilets.

Paper towels, tissues, napkins, disinfectant wipes, and even supposedly "flushable" wipes (they are not flushable or biodegradable), cannot be flushed down the toilet. The system can accommodate toilet paper, which is made to disintegrate quickly in water, but wipes and other materials, which don't break down as readily, clog pipes. That means sewer backups into the homes of the users or of others, as clogs form down the line. These blockages require jetting of the sewer main to clear.

We are seeing an increase in volume, which is to be expected given the num-

ber of people staying in their homes as part of efforts to prevent the spread of coronavirus.

It's to everybody's benefit to use only toilet paper. Wipes might be able to flush, but that's when the unseen problems begin. While disposable wipes are a convenient and easy-to-use product that serve a variety of helpful purposes, they should be thrown in the trash following use. If manufacturers deem a product unsafe to go down the drain, it will be labeled on the packing. While there is debate over whether wipes labeled as "flushable" are truly safe for sewers, nonflushable products, like baby wipes, wet wipes and disinfectant wipes, are for your trash can.

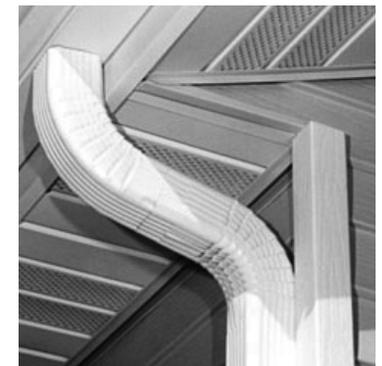
In addition to stoppages in the main

line, which could cause a backup into homes and businesses, the potential for widespread service interruptions are possible if these nonflushable items reach a lift station and clog a pump. Not to mention the costs associated with removing a pump to clear the clog, which are borne by our rate payers.

The Pennsauken Sewerage Authority remains available 24 hours a day to assist residents during the State of Emergency. We have enacted a "No Public Contact" policy for the protection of our neighbors and our employees, but we will respond to all requests for assistance and will advise the homeowner of our findings by telephone. If you require assistance, call (856) 662-0686.

Improper Connections Cause Property Damage

The connection of sump pumps and down spouts to the sanitary sewer system is prohibited. During periods of heavy rain, these connections often overwhelm the main lines. This could result in a sewage back up into your own home or the home of your neighbor. If you need additional information about these types of connections, or suspect you or a neighbor, may have an improper connection and want information about having it removed, please call our office at (856) 663-5542.



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GRAY MATTERS You're Never Too Old To Learn A New Life Skill

By Judith Kristen,
AAP Columnist

Happy September to you!

You know, I'm sitting here in my office and I honestly don't have a clue what I'm going to write to you this month.

The usual September things have sort of gone by the wayside – for many of us – so, those things are off the list.

I could mention it's way too hot, but you already know that. And, I'm certain many of you have baked enough banana bread since March to last you until 2025... By the way, if you want to trade two dozen zucchini breads for 24 loaves of banana bread, gimme' a call.

Hey! Here's a question for you. How many of you started growing your own vegetable garden? All hands rise. Wait! I can see this train comin.' Okay, okay, put your hands back down.

Hold on for a second. I've got it! A few weeks ago, after I wrote my last column and was itching to do something

different, I found this on the internet, of all places. It was called, "Fifteen Life Skills You Can Learn in Thirty Minutes or Less."

So, in 450 minutes, or 7.5 hours, I decided that I would devote the appropriate amount of time and learn a few new things. Here's how it went:

Day One: "Make Truly Perfect Hard-Boiled Eggs." Something I thought I'd perfected 63 years ago, but apparently science knew otherwise. And by the way, they still tasted "eggs-actly" the same. So, there's 30 minutes I'm never getting' back.

Day Two: "Learn How to Pack a Suitcase." HAH! I skipped that one. Anyone who has traveled with me knows I can make it with a school-size backpack and my multi-pocketed handbag and stay in Europe for five weeks! I may have disappointed science with my eggs, but I nailed that "Learn How to Pack a Suitcase" thing decades ago!

Day Three: "Play Basic Guitar." Well, I'm still working on my, "Play Basic

Ukulele," so I'm not heading for anything larger than my uke! That gives me enough grief as is. Although, I have learned how to play a mean "You Are My Sunshine!" Look out Eric Clapton, I'm comin' to getcha!

Days Four and Five made me laugh, so I skipped right over them. Day Four was, "Make the Ultimate Chocolate Chip Cookie;" and Day Five was, "Dress to Flatter Your Figure."

See... here's how that goes for me. If I make the ultimate in chocolate chip cookies, I will eat 95 percent of them; so then Day Five changes its title from, "Dress to Flatter Your Figure" to "Dress to Fit your Fatter Figure."

Why do I do this to myself? I think I should quit while I'm ahead since coming up next would be, "Going Without Shampoo;" "Do It Yourself Cleaning Products;" and "Learning How to Fold a Fitted Sheet," among others.

From my own personal experience here, the shampoo and the DIY cleaning products were interesting, but WOW did

I ever liven up my salty vocabulary trying to learn how to fold a fitted sheet that didn't want to be folded. Try it sometime; you'll recall words you thought you left behind in 1973.

As for me, I'm done with lists. That's it! Finis! Although... I just might take

another look at that ultimate chocolate chip cookie thing.

Peace and love and a happy and healthy September to you and yours,

Your friend,
~Judy

SENIORCORNER

"Do Not Knock" Signs Available For Seniors

By Sonny DiSabato,
Senior Citizen Coordinator

Hello fellow seniors.

The Township has received multiple calls from seniors who are tired and frustrated with all the people going door-to-door in our neighborhoods, especially during the coronavirus outbreak. To help, a "Do Not Knock" sign has been created that is free for seniors. It's a simple, laminated sign that you can hang on your door.

The "Do Not Knock" signs are available upon request in the Assessor's Office at the Pennsauken Township Municipal Building, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd., during normal business hours.

As a reminder, anyone who wishes to solicit door-to-door within Pennsauken is required to register with the Township and obtain an ID from the Clerk's Office. They must have this ID on them at all times while going door to door. Each salesperson must also have back-

ground/fingerprint or name check prior to soliciting. They are not able to obtain the permit until they are cleared. Solicitors are also told that they are not permitted to begin their work until they are fully authorized and have received their ID.

If someone does knock on your door and they're selling something, speak to them behind your screen door and ask for their Pennsauken ID. If they can't provide one, make a mental note of the name and description of the person; politely excuse yourself; and call the Pennsauken Police's non-emergency dispatch number at (856) 663-1234.

And most importantly, NEVER open your door to someone you don't know if you feel uncomfortable or scared.

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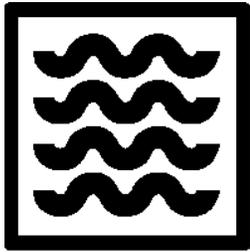
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MPWC WATERLINES

MPWC Project Update

The Merchantville Pennsauken Water Commission (MPWC) is currently changing any remaining galvanized water services over to copper. These services are MPWC property and are the connections between our water main and the curb stop. The galvanized services were installed prior to World War II and have served their useful life. Currently, about three percent of our services are galvanized. We plan on replacing all of them with our internal construction crew at no cost to our customers.

The MPWC continues to improve its

infrastructure to maintain our high service standards. If you have any questions on this replacement program, please reach out to our main office. We apologize for any inconvenience caused by this construction. If you have not already registered for our Reverse 9-1-1 service, please go to our website and sign-up. When there are water service emergencies or other emergencies that may affect your area, you will receive a notification. For more information, go to our website at MPWC.com.

The MPWC Accepts Phone Payments

If you'd like to make a payment by phone, you can dial direct to our automated system at 1 (844) 611-4016. Please have your account number and PIN available when you call. Your account number and PIN numbers can be found on your water bill. Please be aware that turnoff charges or other account adjustments will not be reflected in the online or phone payment systems until the next business day. There is a convenience fee associated with all phone and online payments; this fee is not charged by the MPWC, but by the third party processor. Convenience fees are charged as follows: credit/debit card payments are subject to a convenience fee of 2.95 percent; payments made by e-check are subject to a convenience fee of \$1.05.

KEEP INFORMED WITH REVERSE 9-1-1

For members of the community directly affected by water main breaks, we provide messages via our Reverse 9-1-1 notification system. To stay informed of all water emergencies that may occur within our service area, visit MPWC.com/swift911 to sign up for Reverse 9-1-1!

Meetings of the Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission are currently being held via phone conference. For more information, visit our website, MPWC.com

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Online Payments Should Be Made Via the Link on the MPWC Website!

Attention Customers: When paying your bill online, be reminded that the MPWC can only verify payments in real time if you pay through the link on our website. Please visit MPWC.com and click on the yellow button that reads "Access Online Bill Pay." Payments will be posted to your account on the next business day. If you are in danger of service termination, you may make an online payment and then contact our office, where a Customer Support Representative can log on and verify that your payment is pending.

When customers use a web browser to search for how to pay MPWC bills

online, they are often directed to third party sights. Those payments can take up to 10 business days to reach our office.

THE QUICKEST AND SAFEST WAY TO PAY YOUR BILLS IS DIRECTLY WITH THE MPWC EITHER IN PERSON OR VIA OUR SECURED PAYMENT SITE.

Please note that if you choose to pay through your bank's online "bill pay" option, processing will take some extra time. Your bank will actually cut a paper check and mail it to us via USPS. Be sure to schedule your payment well in advance of your due date to avoid penalties and possible service termination.

As always, the MPWC is happy to answer any of your questions. Contact our Customer Support Center at (856) 663-0043 during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. For emergencies after hours, please dial (856) 663-0044.

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The MPWC Offices Are OPEN!

MPWC has reopened our lobby at 6751 Westfield Ave. for in-person payments and questions. Lobby hours are 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Face coverings are required for visitors; and we ask that you please maintain social distance by following the markers on the floor.

High water bill?

The toilet's flapper may be the culprit to cause an "invisible leak".



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GOING GREEN Tips On How To Deep Clean Your Car

By Kathleen Harvey,
AAP Columnist

We haven't gotten out of the house as much as usual this summer. Still, for those of us who have gone a little stir crazy with the need to get out of the house, we have had day trips, visits to local parks, shore, or mountains; or any other innumerable fun things to do. Often, these have left the family car full of sandwich and snack wrappers, sand, pebbles, and sticky candy or ice cream residue.

Even if your car wash stayed open during the pandemic, you may have been hesitant having them detail, or even vacuum, the interior of your vehicle. Plus, detailing can cost \$100 or more, requiring you to drop it off and pick it up. With a little time and patience, car detailing can easily be done on your own.

Keeping your car clean keeps odors from developing and can help its resale value, too. News media have been recently reporting that used cars are currently in demand. In addition to mileage, appearance and cleanliness affect the value of your car as a trade-in.

A deep clean just before selling it won't do the trick — it'll be too late to lift all the stains and dirt that have settled in over the years. Here are some tips for keeping the inside of your car fresh and clean using supplies you probably already have at home, or can be purchased at local auto supply stores.

First, crumbs, spills, and dirt can start to smell if the carpets and seats aren't regularly cleaned. Vacuum the carpet and cloth upholstery with either your

home vacuum or a more powerful vacuum at a car wash. If using your vacuum, use an upholstery tool's short bristles to agitate dirt out of carpets and cloth seats. A crevice tool can reach under and in between seats and into corners. A steam cleaner can lift stains from carpet and upholstery. However, don't soak seats or carpets; damp material encourages mold and can create a musty smell.

Cars that have leather and vinyl seats are treated with a protective coating that requires occasional gentle cleaning. Clean them with a soft cloth and a small amount of saddle soap and water. Follow with leather conditioner to keep the leather from drying out.

For hard surfaces, like dashboards and cup holders, solutions containing at least 70 percent alcohol are not only safe to use, but are also effective against the corona virus, according to the CDC. Apply the alcohol to a microfiber cloth to gently clean all hard surfaces. For smaller surfaces, like air vents, dampen a small, clean paintbrush or soft toothbrush with the alcohol to clean those areas.

The inside of the windshield and other windows can become dirty from outside air pollution; and vapors generated by the sun baking on interior surfaces may impede visibility over time. Clean the glass with a soft cloth and either a glass cleaner containing alcohol, or denatured alcohol, which will perform best. Use one cloth to clean and a second cloth to dry, avoiding streaks.

Touch screens are becoming more prominent in vehicles, collecting dust and fingerprints. These can also be gently

cleaned with alcohol. Be careful not to use ammonia-based window cleaners, which could damage the protective film on the screen. Be sure to apply just a bit of alcohol to the cloth, not the screen; then use the dampened cloth to clean touch screens.

Lastly, replace cabin filters at least once a year, twice yearly if the vehicle

frequently carries kids or pets. Cabin filters can be purchased from local auto stores or online. There are YouTube videos for almost everything; I found one for my make and model of car and replaced the cabin filter recently. Replacing cabin filters is much more effective than hanging a perfumed cardboard tree

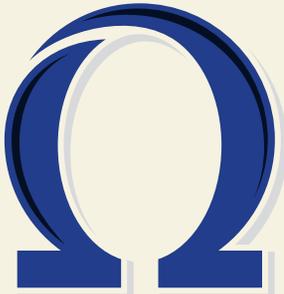
from the rear view mirror, which are designed to only cover bad smells, not remove them.

Cars, like homes, need to be cleaned and maintained periodically to preserve appearance and value. I hope everyone, like me, is looking forward to a clear, crisp, clean and healthy fall!

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By Joe Scavuzzo, Director,
Department of Public Works

I don't know about all of you dedicated readers out there, but I'm ready to cross off 2020. With the coronavirus pandemic firmly residing at the top of the list of reasons to forget the year even happened, there are a few other items that cause me to wish for the fresh slate that only a new year brings.

First, I think it's worth mentioning the improvement in trash collection services that Pennsauken residents have experi-

Pennsauken Public Works Pushes Through 2020

enced since July 27, 2020. This is a direct response by South Jersey Sanitation from actions taken by the Township Administration to address the various performance issues experienced (and written about in this article) over the past two years. At the end of the day, although a bad taste may still linger, if they can keep this current level of service up, it's all that we residents are asking for. I'm short on time to work in a trash smell joke, but you get the point. I look forward to fewer Facebook posts and Reverse 9-1-1 messages, which aim to communicate trash collection issues. Here's hoping it

continues and the topic is not one for 2021 to contend with.

There is some good news and some bad news for our callers to our Public Works office. Unfortunately, when you're good at your job, you get opportunities outside of our department. I'm of course referring to Rachael, our secretary here at the Department of Public Works. The bad news, effective in late August, she was permanently reassigned to the Township's Municipal Building. The good news is that Pennsauken residents will continue to benefit from her professionalism, friendliness, and work ethic in service to the Township. Aside from triaging all correspondence into this department, Rachael was instrumental in assisting my efforts to use technology to bring a "pen and paper" municipal department into the 21st century. Her willingness to work remotely during the early days of the coronavirus was helpful

in keeping a resemblance of normalcy during these exceptional times. She will be sorely missed here at Public Works, but we wish her all the best as she advances through her career.

Nonetheless, Pennsauken Department of Public Works is returning to life. This means when you call our number at (856) 663-0178, you may need to leave a message on our answering machine; it will be checked and responded to throughout the day. I encourage the use of our main e-mail address - publicworks@twp.pennsauken.nj.us - to contact us, as all Department of Public Works management staff has the ability to monitor this remotely, no matter where our day takes us in Pennsauken. It also allows for important details to be communicated, like name, address, phone number, and a detailed description of the concern/request. With the right information, we may be able to put a plan into place to resolve an issue

before we get a chance to call you back! Although there may be a delay in the return phone call, you should not experience a delay in our response to time-sensitive issues. Our hours are 7:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

It's a bit too early to mention leaf collection, but not quite time to relax from this year's hurricane/tropical storm season. Stay safe out there and make sure you "LOOK UP" before the next round of storms come through. By identifying hazardous branches in mature trees before the storm, you may have time to have them removed by a professional tree contractor to prevent damage to your property or vehicle.

Here's to looking forward to the month of September. Don't forget to like our Facebook page, "Pennsauken Department of Public Works."

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LABOR DAY, MONDAY, SEPT. 7, IS A "TRASH HOLIDAY!"

Monday's trash and recycling is collected on Tuesday, Sept. 8. Tuesday's collection is moved to Wednesday, Sept. 9. Wednesday's yard waste and white goods collection is on Thursday, Sept. 10. Thursday's collection occurs on Friday, Sept. 11. Friday's trash and recycling collection will be on Saturday, Sept. 12.

Camden County has suspended all special household hazardous waste and electronics collections, as well as residential paper shredding events, until further notice.

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Pennsauken Car And Bike Parade Held On September 19 continued from page 1

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- River Rd. to Union Ave.
- Union Ave. to the intersection at Suckle Hwy.

The second parade begins at 1:30 p.m. Cars and motorcycles will line up at the Walt Nigorski Sports Complex, located at Powell and Collins avenues. The parade route is as follows:

- Collins Ave. to Powell Ave.
- Powell Ave. to Wyndam Rd.
- Wyndam Rd. to Corbett Rd.
- Corbett Rd. to Union Ave.
- Union Ave. to Maple Ave.
- Maple Ave. to Cove Rd.
- Cove Rd. to Rogers Ave.
- Rogers Ave. to Horner Ave.
- Horner Ave. to Walnut Ave.
- Walnut Ave. to Merchantville Ave.
- Merchantville Ave. to W. Chestnut Ave.
- W. Chestnut Ave. to Morris St.
- Morris St. to Maple Ave.
- Maple Ave. to Lexington Ave.
- Lexington Ave. to Mansion Blvd.

- Mansion Blvd. to Garfield Ave.
- Garfield Ave. to Browning Rd.
- Browning Rd. to Beacon Ave.
- Beacon Ave. to Roosevelt Ave.
- Roosevelt Ave. to Garfield Ave.
- Garfield Ave. ending at Carson Elementary

“With both these parade routes, we tried to hit as many roads as possible, without crossing highways or four-lane roads and to prevent the disrupting of traffic,” explains Martz. “We strongly encourage any residents who come out to follow social distancing guidelines and wear masks.”

Those unable to attend can view both parades via Facebook Live at “Pennsauken Car and Bike Show,” as well as the Township’s other social media channels.

Past participants of the Pennsauken Car and Bike Show are encouraged to register online for free at <https://bit.ly/PennsaukenCarParade>. The page will also provide event updates and maps of the parade routes.

Ali, Martz Take On New Township Administrative Roles

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responsibilities, there’s a lot of crossover. We’ll be working together as a team, not just with each other, but with Township staff as well. The goal is to better serve the people who live and work in Pennsauken.”

“Pennsauken is one of the most diverse towns in South Jersey. We need to be more flexible and understanding of the residents and business owners that come into our building,” added Ali. “Customer service is key; that’s an ex-

tremely important focus. We’ll also be implementing operational efficiencies and process improvements that will benefit both Township staff and residents. If we want to move forward as a Township, we can’t rely on processes from 50 years ago. We need to put new things into place, whether that’s technology or policy.”

As Ali and Martz transition into these new roles – both will continue to serve in their former capacities until the end of the year – they are ready to hit

the ground running and make an impact in the place they call home.

“We’re both excited to work with our elected officials, administrator, staff, and the Pennsauken community to help improve our Township,” said Martz.

“At the end of the day, it’s not just a job,” explained Ali. “We’re trying to affect a sustainable change that improves Pennsauken for both today and tomorrow.”

Food Distribution For Those In Need On October 2

Camden County, in partnership with Touch New Jersey, is hosting a series of food distribution events for those in need. One food distribution will be held at the Pennsauken Community Recreation Complex, 1601 Bethel Ave., on Fri-

day, Oct. 2, at 10:30 a.m.

Drive-up and walk-up options are available. Participants must wear masks and practice social distancing.

For more information, visit Camden County.com.

Multi-Family Yard Sale Scheduled For September 12

A multi-family yard sale is being held in the Iron Rock, Bourghwoods section on Saturday, Sept. 12, with a rain date of Sunday, Sept. 13. The yard sale runs from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; no early birds please.

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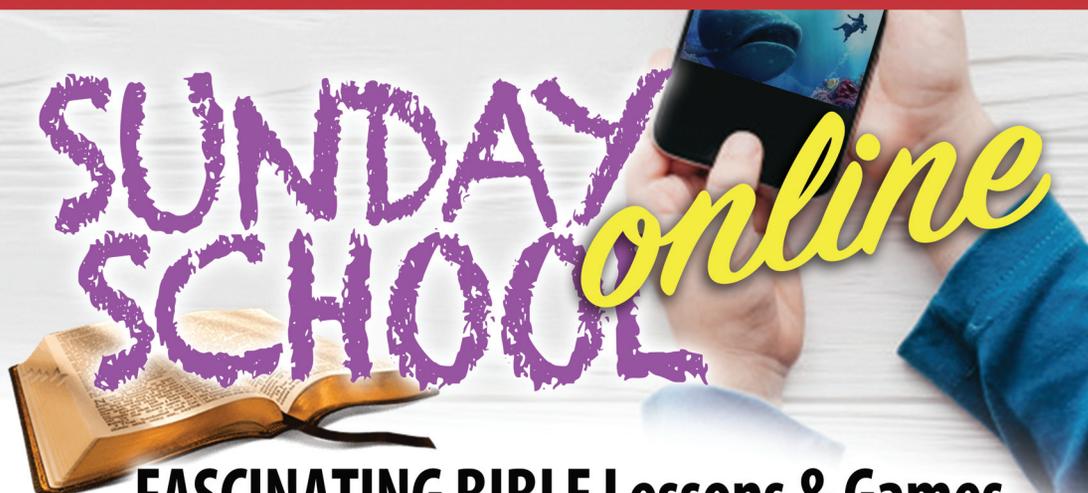
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WAGSWORLD Celebrating Fifty Years, More Fishing And The Start Of A New Book

By Bob Wagner,
AAP Columnist

On or about the time this edition of All Around Pennsauken lands in your hands, the bride and I will be celebrating our 50th anniversary of wedded bliss. Or, as the bride likes to say, "Married for 50, including 16 good ones."

Due to the ongoing PeterPandemic, no reasonable plans could be made for a truly epic celebration. No destination flights, no indoor extravaganzas, no fire-house open houses for friends and family; not this year. So, after a year of hemming and hawing about how to face this large numbered date, the bride has agreed to join me in good old Brigantine for one last book.

The plan is, I'll fish and talk, then write. She'll lounge, read, tan, and keep my exaggerations to a minimum. We have already locked up a place to stay, thanks to

a heads up from friends Bill and Maryann. I'm well on my way to putting all my fishing gear together. The clean up and consolidation process will go on right up to the time to go. Then, everything gets thrown in the truck, and sorted on the beach, just like last time.

Unlike the last trip to fish and write, the bride is now retired. Our husband and wife time was weekends only, with a long weekend for Columbus Day. This trip will require a delicate touch on my part, under the watchful eye of my sweet baboo. A month and a half of "us" time might mean 50 and out, or a story line for a murder mystery. I'm willing to take the chance, as I still can duck pretty well, and the bride has mellowed a bit after 50 years of blissful existence. Only time will tell, but it should add a new flavor, alongside the fishing stories.

My good friend Judith Kristen, pro-

lific writer and fellow columnist, has agreed to help me again. Without her help, there would be pictures and words, but no book.

In the 12 years that have passed since the last book, much has changed in publishing, physical appearance and ability, even beach fishing. But much is the same. A number of friends who appeared in book one are now gone. Some, who were spry and eager to join me on the daily fishing excursions, are now arthritic and housebound. John Inglesby, on whose fine new boat we spent many hours after fish and bait, is searching for a new motor as I write. None of this will keep me from my appointed rounds. My mind is sharp, some days. My hooks are sharp, sometimes. My bride is there to prod me with a barbecue fork, if necessary, to get me moving. And, although the years have slowed me down, the

chance to catch another fish, write another story, and meet new friends on the beach, keeps me looking forward.

God bless this woman who married me 50 years ago. She deserves the best! Instead, she got me. Thank God.

Mental Health Resources Available Amidst COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic has forced us to dramatically alter our day-to-day activities. From small adjustments like mandatory mask wearing, to life-changing events like lost loved ones or prolonged unemployment, the pandemic can be a serious strain on mental health. For some, managing comes easy, but for those struggling to cope, support is available.

"From the beginning of this pandemic, we have been fighting a war on multiple fronts. While much of our collective attention has been paid to protecting physical health, we need everyone to make sure they are closely monitoring their mental health as well," said Freeholder Director Louis Cappelli, Jr. "Fortunately, as the pandemic has continued, assistance and resources to cope with its effects have become more robust. If you are facing fear, anxiety, or depression because of COVID-19, do not ignore it, seek assistance and take care of yourself."

In New Jersey, residents who are having difficulty coping with the COVID-19 crisis can call the Mental Health Association in New Jersey, Inc. at (877) 294-



Mental health resource are available for Camden County residents that are struggling during the coronavirus outbreak.

HELP (4357) between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for emotional support, guidance and mental health referrals as needed. For additional information and services, call Camden County's Office of Mental Health & Addiction at (856) 374-6361, or visit camdencounty.com.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has also made a series of mental health resources available in response to this ongoing crisis. You can view the full collection of resources by visiting www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/managing-stress-anxiety.html.



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FOODADVENTURES Enjoying A Rustic Tomato Sauce... Or Gravy

By Rachael Shugars, AAP Columnist

Our gardens have begun to fruit their vegetable treasures. Some of us will find ourselves with bowls, baskets and bags full of veggies we need to find something to do with. Aside from enjoying our harvest raw and fresh off the stem, there are hundreds of things that we can cook with our veggies. This month, I have decided to make a rustic tomato sauce (otherwise known as gravy) I have been making since my early 20s. You'll thank me after this one.

This recipe will use any fresh tomato, green peppers, onions, herbs (basil, oregano, rosemary, sage, etc.), garlic cloves, salt, pepper, and a large can of stewed tomatoes. I go with Tuttorosso plum tomatoes for this recipe, because I find that they don't have as much sugar or salt as some of the other brands; however, any brand you choose will work just fine. Any type of tomato from your garden is good. I used a combo of jubilee, heirloom, cherry, and beefsteak to start.

You will want to chop these all up, so that you have nice chunks. Regardless of what you use, just ensure that you have around two cups of chopped tomatoes. You will need one medium yellow onion and one large or two medium-sized green peppers. When it comes to garlic cloves, I always say go with what feels right. If you only want to use one or two cloves, I may judge you a little for that but, that's totally fine. However many you choose to use, you will need to mince the garlic well.

Get a large pot on the stove and turn it to medium heat. Add a bit of olive oil to the pot; once it's heated, pop in the garlic, onions, and green peppers. Get them slightly opaque, then add your chopped tomatoes. Mix all this together and start adding your herbs and seasonings. Fresh herbs can be very powerful, so start small with your portions and move up as you see the flavor change. I generally use a small handful of basil leaves finely chopped, one stem of rosemary, a stem of sage finely chopped, a small cluster or



A great way to use homegrown vegetables is to make your own tomato sauce/gravy.

oregano chopped, a dash of salt, and a slight twisting of cracked pepper from a grinder. You can adjust the seasonings as you see fit. Some people prefer a sweeter sauce. In this case, you can add some raw sugar. If you want something spicier, add red pepper flakes. Don't be afraid to ex-

periment and see what works. This doesn't mean to go and add Twizzlers or Fruit Loops to your sauce.

Pour in your steamed plum tomatoes and crush them slightly with your hand or a spoon, so that the tomato is broken up a bit. Once you've added all your ingredients, give it one last stir and bring it to a rolling boil by turning it up to medium-high or high. Once it's boiling, turn the heat down to about one or two and cover it. You are going to fight the urge to check your sauce for about 30-35 minutes. Just let it do its thing. While you wait, get your favorite pasta out and get it cooking (no oil in the water please); make some garlic bread; set the table; pop open that bottle of red or white and enjoy a glass. The choice is yours. Once you've waited

the right time, take the lid off of the pot and give it a good stir. Try to get all the good bits off the bottom. Give it a taste and make any flavor adjustment you might want. Leave it to bubble for another five minutes or so, then turn the stove off and move the pot to a cool burner, so it can relax a little more.

When it's time to plate get your dish ready and get whatever pasta you've chosen and get it on the dish. Next, ladle some of your sauce directly on top of the pasta. Add some shredded cheese, a few chopped up basil leaves, and there you have it. It's time to enjoy!

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By Arlene Miller, Friends of the Pennsauken Free Public Library

Unfortunately, because of COVID-19 concerns, the Friends will not be holding our annual Book, Tech and Bake sale this year. That means we won't be collecting any donations of books, CDs, or DVDs. Also, because of public health emergency restrictions for food services, we won't be holding our bake sale either. We're disappointed and know you are as well, but fingers crossed for next year.

The Lemonade 4 Change fundraiser we talked about last month is still on, both virtual and physical. We hope to raise a total of \$4,500 (\$4,000 from the

virtual stand and another \$500 from the physical stands); and the money will go to fund the purchase of books by the Pennsauken Free Public Library that will help our residents create positive identification with race and gain skills for supporting conversations around diversity. Contributors can also play a role in determining which books are added to the Library's collection by leaving suggestions at the Library's front desk.

You can donate in a few different ways: visit our GoFundMe page at <https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/lemonade-4-change>; send a check made out to Friends of the Pennsauken

Library to Lemonade 4 Change, Friends of the Pennsauken Library, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd., Pennsauken, NJ 08110; or leave an envelope in the Friends' mailbox at the Book/DVD return at the back door at the Library itself.

If you'd rather participate in person, two drive-up, contact free stands will be held this month. On Saturday, Sept. 5, a stand will run from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Carson

Elementary School, 4150 Garfield Ave., Pennsauken, with a rain date of Sept. 6. On Saturday, Sept. 12, a stand will be held from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Delair Elementary School, 850 Derousse Ave., Pennsauken, with a rain date of Sept. 13. Just drive up, drop your cash donation in the container, place your lemonade order at the canopy, receive your beverage tray, and leave. Voila! No touch, no contact. Safe and fun.

With all the unpleasant changes to our lives so far this year, enjoying a nice cold lemonade during this heat in exchange for a donation to help us tackle racism through diversity in our community sounds like a different kind of change, a good one finally! In the meantime, follow us on Facebook to keep up with the latest on our fundraiser. See you at Lemonade 4 Change!

Lena Cooper Skelly, Pioneer Pennsauken Educator – Part I

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opprobrium of later times; and this was not Mrs. Skelly's only such involvement for a good cause.

In this period, Lena Skelly served her community in other capacities. She was the matron of the Sunshine Day Nursery in Homestead. In 1919, she was among the organizers of a movement among local black women to back the Victory Loan program. In 1920, Lena was listed as one of the instructors of a Red Cross course to train home nurses in the wake of the flu epidemic.

It is possible that Lena took some time off from her teaching career after her marriage, which would have been traditional at that time. In the 1915 N.J. Census, she is listed as "housewife" and not as "teacher." Also, her role with the day nursery seems inconsistent with full-time teaching. However, by the time of

the 1920 national census, she is again listed as "teacher" in the public schools.

In January, 1924, Maurice Skelly tragically died suddenly while at Palm Beach, Florida. His body was returned to Homestead for services in the Asbury M.E. Church and interment at Jordantown Cemetery.

During April 1924, Delaware Township officials asked the Pennsauken Board of Education to consider accepting black pupils of Delaware Township in the Homestead vicinity into the Homestead School. Superintending Principal George Fine refused, citing overcrowded conditions already existing. In that year, before the opening of the projected Junior High School, additional class space was being added by dividing rooms in existing schools and by using both the Municipal Building and the North Merchantville Fire House to

teach classes. Among repairs and renovations that year, the Homestead School was wired for electric lighting.

An incident of 1924 in Homestead rings familiar to us in this year, as an outbreak of smallpox occurred at a couple homes in Homestead, resulting in quarantine with guards posted. However, some of those affected by the quarantine rebelled against the restriction and, claiming political influence, attended a local club despite the danger of spreading the deadly contagion. Compliance was quickly re-established when arrests were threatened by County health officials.

Sources for this article include contemporary newspaper accounts; "Jersey Joe Walcott: A Boxing Biography," by James Curl; and "Our Pennsauken," by Jack Fichter. Part two of this article will be in All Around Pennsauken's October edition.



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Township Ordinances Minimize Pollution Of Creeks And Rivers continued on page 3

difficult to relocate geese, Pennsauken has adopted an ordinance making it illegal to feed them on public property.

Pennsauken's ordinance on improperly disposing of waste materials prohibits anything other than rainwater from going into an inlet. Dumping oil or other unwanted household chemicals into a

storm inlet is not only dangerous, but also deadly to marine life. Camden County normally has hazardous waste disposal events throughout the year for residents, but these are currently suspended during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Remember, pollutants can also be grass, leaves and fertilizers. While some

think of these as "organic," they can seriously affect water quality and are a danger to aquatic life. In addition, too many leaves raked down a storm inlet can also cause the sewer to clog and possibly result in flooding. Only rainwater should go down a storm drain.

The ordinances mentioned are intended to remind residents and businesses of the need to stop waterway pollution at the source. And for those who flagrantly violate our ordinances on littering and pollute our waterways can and will face heavy fines, up to \$1,250 in some cases. Residents and business owners who observe this type of behavior in their neighborhoods are urged to report these issues to our Property Maintenance Department by calling (856) 665-1000 x130, x131, or x132.

In addition, the NJDEP has directed municipalities to use the eco-style inlets; their openings are purposely small enough to stop large debris, such as plastic bottles and soda cans from being washed into the storm sewer, but allow

rainwater to pass through. Our Township has been installing them throughout our community in an ongoing basis. Businesses are also required by ordinance to retrofit storm inlets whenever a parking lot needs to be repaved or seal coating of a parking area is done.

Pennsauken Township's Highway Department inspects inlets every year and cleans those blocked by debris. However, with over 1,100 inlets throughout the Township, the Highway Department cannot always get to them immediately. Cleaning off a storm inlet and placing the debris in a trash container is a way that Pennsauken residents can help keep the environment clean. This is particularly important in

neighborhoods that are prone to street flooding in a heavy rain.

The ordinances discussed in this article can be found on our Township website (www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us) in the Government/Codebook section. Specific requirements are included in Chapters 101, Animals; Chapter 197, Litter; Chapter 256, Sewers and Drainage Systems; and Chapter 269, Solid Waste. While it is important to be aware of the ordinances that the Township has adopted to protect our waterways, it is really up to each one of us to take responsibility for keeping the environment clean. Everyone, whether they are a longtime resident, or a brand new business owner moving into town, has the ability to help.

Woman's Club Toasts One Hundredth Anniversary Of Nineteenth Amendment



Members of the Merchantville Woman's Club met at Iron Rock Park to toast the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment and the suffragists who fought for equal rights for all women. While strong racial inequities still existed in 1920, this important moment helped pave the way for future social, economic, and political reforms.

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A limited number of walk-in appointments will be available daily, but the Pennsauken Free Public Library staff highly encourages patrons to call to make an appointment prior to coming to the Library. Wearing a mask is required at all times when in the building; and we ask that you please practice safe social distancing. In keeping with building capacity limits: when you make your appointment, please disclose if anyone else will be accompanying you into the building. No food or drink of any kind will be allowed in the Library. To ensure the safety of our staff and the public, please follow the instructions from Library personnel when you visit. We are looking forward to seeing our patrons again!

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September Virtual Library Events

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Programs For Children & Families

- **Preschool Storytime** – Tuesdays, beginning Sept. 15; 11:00 a.m. Join Miss Susan and Miss Sabrina every Tuesday morning on the Pennsauken Library's Facebook and Instagram for an at-home Preschool Storytime! Little ones of all ages are invited to read and stretch along with us. For toddlers, early elementary students.
- **¿Los Conoces?/Do You Know Them?** – Wednesdays, Sept. 16, 23, & 30; 6:00 p.m. In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, Librarian Maira Diaz will read and discuss the picture-book biographies of specific Hispanic-Americans. For elementary students and their families.
- **Family Read Aloud** – Thursdays, Sept. 17 & 24; 7:00 p.m. Youth Services Librarian Heather invites families to come and hear stories together. The focus here is on reading. For families.
- **Wee Readers** – Friday, Sept. 18; 11:00 a.m. A fun and educational program for our littlest library patrons! Join Miss Susan & Miss Sabrina for short books, rhymes, songs, and movement, aimed at developing your baby's motor, sensory and social skills. For infants, crawlers and walkers; ages 2 and under.

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- **Get Personalized Reading Recommendations** (<https://tinyurl.com/pfplpres>)

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- **Free Wi-Fi Access** – No internet access at home? Pennsauken Free Public Library has you covered! The Library's free-to-all Wi-Fi extends beyond the building and out into the shared Library/Township Building parking lot. You are not required to have a library card in order to use the Wi-Fi, but you do need your own device. All information needed to connect to the "PennLib" Wi-Fi network, including the password, which is posted on the Library's front doors. Please remember to practice social distancing and remain six feet apart from other patrons who may also be using the Library's Wi-Fi.

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We are also available by phone and email to answer any questions you may

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We are pleased to continue this initiative until further notice. The Keep Pennsauken Reading Book Bundle Giveaway provides books for Pennsauken residents whose access to reading materials has been impacted by the pandemic. Book bundles will contain three to five gently used books, grouped by age from baby to adult, and are available for contactless pick up at the Library's main entrance during our operating hours.

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inSports PHS Sophomores Garner Attention From College Football Programs

Two PHS student-athletes, Kahlil Ali and Ejani Shakir, are being recruited by major collegiate football programs.

Kahlil Ali has received offers from Boston College, West Virginia, Rutgers University, Penn State University, University of Maryland, University of Nebraska, University of Miami, Florida State University, and most recently, Michigan State University. As a freshman, he had 16 catches, 282 yards, and three touchdowns on offense. On defense, he had 27 tackles, four interceptions, one forced fumble, and seven pass break ups. He ended his freshman year with a GPA of 3.51, earning all A's and B's.

Ejani Shakir has received offers from Boston College, West Virginia, Rutgers University, Penn State University, University of Maryland, University of Nebraska, University of Miami, and Florida State University. He had 1182 total yards as a freshman, nine receiving touchdowns, one punt return touchdown, one kickoff return touchdown. He also finished the year strong in the classroom, with a GPA of 3.33.

"Both these student-athletes are stars," said Billy Snyder, athletic director. "They are both character kids and we're excited to see how Kahlil and Ejani's academic and athletic careers develop."



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Pennsauken Student-Athletes Return To Play

By Billy Snyder, PHS Athletic Director

The New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) laid out a comprehensive three-phase plan to allow New Jersey high school student-athletes and coaches to return to play. Each phase consisted of two-week progressions that implemented daily COVID-19 screening and checks, along with guidelines for workouts and training. Pennsauken began Phase 1 on July 20 and concluded Phase 3 on Aug. 29. Over 100 different student-athletes safely passed through the COVID-19 check points and trained with their teammates, friends and coaches.

"I have been waiting for months to get out and play on this turf with my teammates. This is the best!" said Junior

Ozmere Jones.

The fall sports season is not nearly as comprehensive as years past; however, student-athletes will be given the opportunity to represent their schools and teams in varsity-only competitions beginning Oct. 1.

Dr. Tarchichi and the Pennsauken Board of Education have empowered the athletic department and the coaching staff to safely compete in interscholastic sports for the fall season. They understand the importance of sportsmanship, physical fitness, competition and teamwork. The coaches and student-athletes understand that this season is a gift and are doing everything they can to ensure student safety and development.



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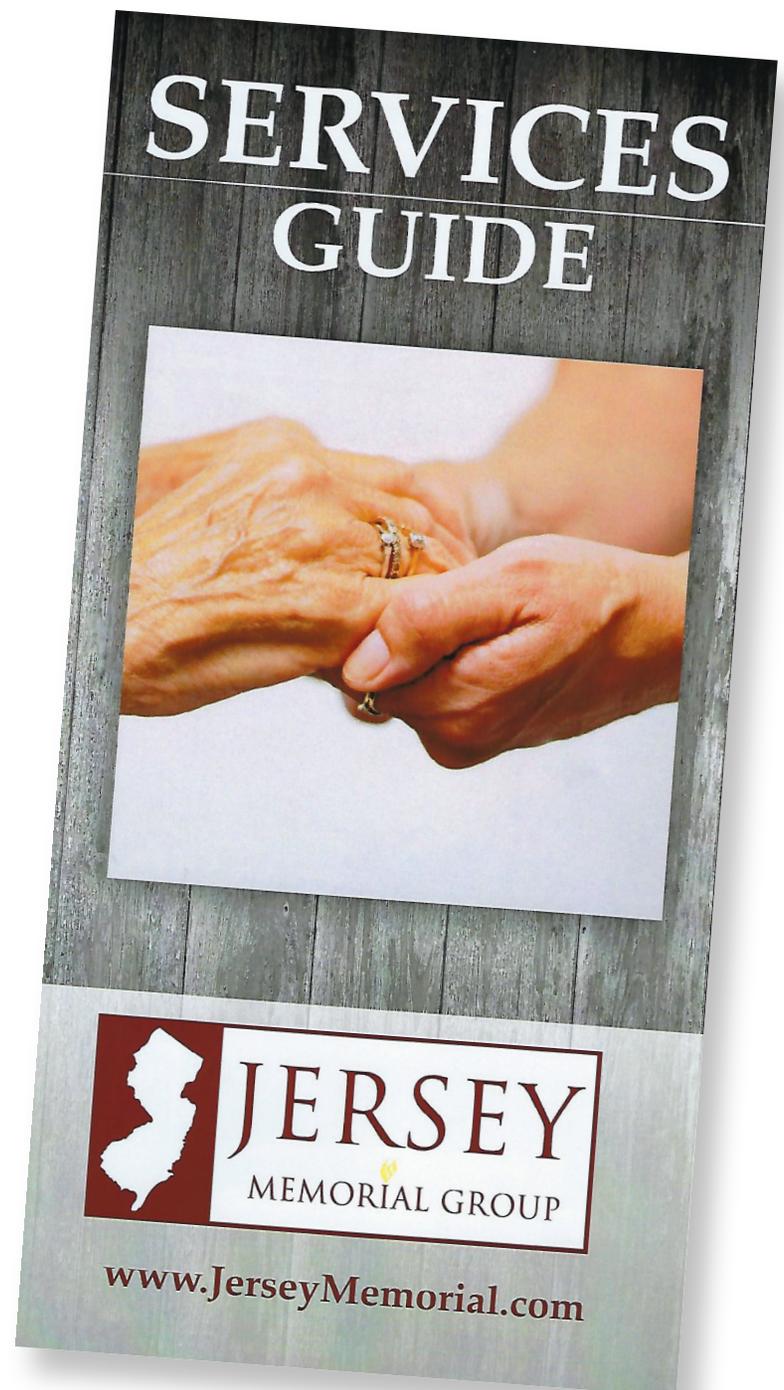
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